How do we comply with MOC requirements?

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Mission

“To serve patients, the public, and the medical profession. . .”

“By certifying that its diplomates have acquired, demonstrated, and maintained a requisite standard of knowledge, skill, and understanding. . .”
Stay up to date

The Maintenance of Certification Process changes from time to time. It is prudent to check the ABR website, www.theabr.org

and myABR for the latest news
Why MOC?

- Demonstrates commitment to lifelong learning and self-assessment
- Allows the physicist to self-direct own continuing education
- Results in continuous quality improvement
- State licensing boards & institutions are becoming more interested in MOC as a way to reach their goals
If not us, then who?

About Public Reporting
ABR Response to ABMS Public Reporting Requirements

- ABR online verification of board eligibility and MOC participation statuses in coordination with ABMS reporting
- Link from ABMS site to ABR site for further clarification on various statuses
- Diplomate look-up tool
- Immediate, current verification status
MP Certificates have changed

Discontinued Certificates:

- X-Ray and Radium Physics
- Therapeutic and Nuclear Medical Physics
- Therapeutic and Diagnostic Medical Physics
- Roentgen Ray & Gamma Ray Physics
- Radiologic Physics
- Diagnostic and Nuclear Medical Physics

Current Certificates:

- Diagnostic Medical Physics
- Nuclear Medical Physics
- Therapeutic Medical Physics
ABMS and the ACGME developed six competencies that demonstrate delivery of quality care for all medical specialties:

- Medical knowledge
- Patient Care and Procedural Skills
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Practice-based Learning and Improvement
- Systems-based Practice
…Maintenance of the six competencies is evaluated on a continuous basis by four components.

• Professional Standing
• Lifelong Learning and Self-assessment
• Cognitive Expertise
• Practice Quality Improvement
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<td>At least one valid state license or professional attestation in previous 5 years</td>
<td>At least 75 Category 1 CE, including 25 Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE)</td>
<td>Achieve a passing score on the ABR cognitive Exam.</td>
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<td><strong>2. Patient Care and Procedural Skills</strong></td>
<td>At least one valid state license or professional attestation in previous 5 years</td>
<td>CE with review of new techniques and protocols</td>
<td>Achieve a passing score on the ABR cognitive exam, which includes patient care content.</td>
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<td><strong>3. Interpersonal &amp; Communication Skills</strong></td>
<td>Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE) with emphasis on communications</td>
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<td><strong>4. Professionalism</strong></td>
<td>At least one valid state license or professional attestation in previous 5 years</td>
<td>Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE) with content on professionalism</td>
<td>General questions about ethics and charter on professionalism</td>
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<td><strong>5. Practice-based Learning &amp; Improvement</strong></td>
<td>Specific CE and Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE) developed for practice-based learning and improvement</td>
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<td><strong>6. Systems-based Practice</strong></td>
<td>Specific CE and Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE) developed for systems-based practice</td>
<td>General questions about CQI content.</td>
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Significant Improvements for 2013

Certificates have no end date
Continuous involvement
Annual “Look-back”
  • First *full* annual look-back in 2016
Much improved website (myABR)
  • Easier to enter information
  • Makes audits easier
  • Better reminders for diplomats
Continuous Certification – Verified with “Look-backs”

Example CE credit look-back

Are there 75 hours of CE credit, including 25 hours of SA-CE credit, in the last 3 years?*


Continuous Certification Begins

Look-backs are in March
First full look-back is in 2016

*4-year look-back in 2016,
followed by 3-year look-backs from then on
What happens if there is a deficiency?

Deficiencies can be corrected at any time

Certified, Meeting Requirements

Certified, Not Meeting Requirements

Not Certified

Not meeting at 1st look-back

Not meeting at 2nd look-back

Not meeting at 3rd look-back and beyond

Reported on ABR and ABMS Websites
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- Certified, Meeting Requirements
- Certified, Not Meeting Requirements
- Not Certified
- Not Certified
- Not Certified

- Attestation
- 3 years of CME
- Exam
- PQI Project

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The Details
Part 1 – Professional Standing

State License
- Annual look-back over past 1 year

OR

Professional Attestation
- Annual look-back over past 5 years
- Attestation Letters
  - Certified Physicist
  - ABR-certified Physician

Simplified reporting via myABR
Part 2 – Lifelong learning and professional development

CE Credit

• First *full* 4-year look-back in 2016, followed by annual 3-year look-backs from then on
• 75 hrs of CE credit
  • 25 must be Self Assessment Continuing Education (SA-CE)
What is SA-CE?

- SAMs
- Enduring Materials CME
- Self-directed educational projects (SDEPs)
Sources of SAMs

- AAPM Annual and Spring Meetings
- RSNA and ASTRO Meetings
- AAPM on-line learning center
- ABR/ACR/RSNA/AAPM/ASTRO/ARR/ARS Online Modules on Ethics and Professionalism
What are Enduring Materials CME?

- They provide an assessment of the learner that measures achievement of the educational purpose and/or objective(s) of the activity with an established minimum performance level; examples include, but are not limited to, patient-management case studies, a post-test, and/or the application of new concepts in response to simulated problems.

- They communicate to the participants the minimum performance level that must be demonstrated in the assessment in order to successfully complete the activity for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

- They provide a reference to appropriate bibliographic sources to allow for further study.
The key factor is that there is a post-test with a required score for successful completion.
Sources of SA-CE

- The AAPM
- ASTRO, RSNA, SNMMI and ACR
- Many other societies and journals.
- All SA-CE requirements can be obtained from the AAPM.
  - The AAPM on-line learning center
  - SAMs
Medical physicists are permitted SDEPs as another source of SA-CE.

Up to 15 hours of SA-CE can be claimed for each SDEP.

One SDEP can be performed each year.

SDEPs must be educational, must be developed prospectively, and records must be kept.
Part 3 – Cognitive Expertise

MOC Exam

• 10-yr look-back

Exam is 30% basic and 70% current material. A good study guide is available online.
The first project must be completed by the 4th year look-back, and one project must be completed every three years afterward.
## Continuous Certification Summary

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<td>CE</td>
<td>At least 75 Category 1/CAMPEP CE in previous 3 years</td>
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<td>Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE)</td>
<td>At least 25 of the 75 CE in previous 3 years must be Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE)</td>
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<td>Exam</td>
<td>Passed MOC exam in previous 10 years</td>
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<td>PQI</td>
<td>Completed at least 1 PQI project in previous 3 years</td>
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<td>Fees</td>
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